

## ***DCFS eWiSACWIS Reports Update: Federal Outcome Report Descriptions***

### **Overview of WiSACWIS Outcome Reports**

The DCFS has developed and produced outcome reports from WiSACWIS that replicate the federal performance measures and support both aggregate and case-specific analysis of program outcomes. Output for the reports listed below includes both summary data results and child-level detail and can be run for the state, by county and/or by site. While these reports are set to run on March 15 for the previous calendar year (unless otherwise noted), they can be accessed at the local level for county- or site- specific results and for varying time periods by request within the application under “Report Selection” from Utilities menu item.

Data resulting from each of the reports listed below are derived from WiSACWIS elements that also correspond with federal child maltreatment and out-of-home care reporting requirements and presume accurate and complete documentation within these related areas. Questions about the reports are to be directed to Michelle Rawlings at (608) 264-9846 or e-mail at [rawlimm@dhfs.state.wi.us](mailto:rawlimm@dhfs.state.wi.us).

### **Outcome Report Descriptions**

#### **Maltreatment Recurrence (sm06a)**

This report presents summary and child level-detail for maltreatment recurrence. Results are based on a calendar year (CY) period where substantiated victims during the first six- month period of a CY return as substantiated victims during the second six-month period of the same calendar year with at least one day between the first and subsequent reports. Consistent with the federal definition, both “likely to occur” (risk) and substantiation (actual harm) case findings are included in this report. Additional case detail is provided at the child level including maltreatment type, maltreater relationship, and report and assessment data.

#### **Maltreatment in Out-of-Home Care (sm10a23)**

This report presents summary and child level-detail for substantiated reports where the maltreater was identified as a foster parent or a residential facility staff and relies on a cumulative caseload of children in placement. Case location is determined by the county of the primary worker assigned to the case at the time of the screened in CPS report.. Results are based on a CY period where the total number of substantiated victims of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment by a foster parent or residential facility staff is divided by the cumulative out-of-home care caseload for that report period. Additional case detail is provided at the child level including maltreatment type, maltreater relationship, case finding, independent investigation status and report and assessment data.

#### **Median Length of Stay (sm10a21)**

This report presents summary and child-level detail for the median length of stay (in months) of children in placement at a given point in time. This report is scheduled to run on a quarterly basis. To qualify, a child would need to have been in either a court-ordered kinship care placement, foster home, pre-adoptive foster home, group home, residential child caring facility,

shelter care facility, hospital, or supervised independent living facility. Summary data presents length of stay results for all children in placement and separates out these children by the most recent placement setting as Title IV-E Reimbursable and Court-Ordered Kinship Care. Child level detail includes child demographic information and placement history by county, site or region, supervisor and worker.

#### Time to Reunification (sm10a22)

This report presents summary and child-level detail for all discharges from out-of-home care, including discharges to reunification. Results are based on a CY period where children were discharged from care. The report presents summary data by specific time intervals based on the child's most recent removal from home to the point of discharge. Discharges from Title-IV-E Reimbursable placements and Court-Ordered Kinship Care placements are also presented as a subset of discharges from all placements. Child level detail includes demographic information and placement history by county, site or region, supervisor and worker.

#### Time to Adoption (sm10a20)

This report presents summary and child-level detail on time to adoption as a statewide report; it is not available on a county-level. Results are based on a CY period where children exit care to adoption as indicated by the Finalized Adoption where "Date Court Order Entered" field is completed in the Legal Status window of WiSACWIS. The report presents summary data by specific time intervals on the length of time from a child's most recent removal from home to adoption finalization. Additional case detail is provided at the child-level including adoption location and worker, ongoing services location and worker, dates of removal, TPR, first Adoption Program assignment and finalization.

#### Re-Entry into Out-of-Home Care (sm10a24)

This report presents summary and child-level detail for all new entries into placement during the report period. Results are based on a CY period where children entered care for the first time or re-entered after a previous episode in care. For re-entries, data is presented for re-entries within 12 months from the previous episode in care and for re-entries after 12 months from the previous episode in care. The report presents summary data by first time and re-entry categories based and includes separate counts where the child left from a Title IV-E Reimbursable placement and re-entered care into a Title IV-E Reimbursable placement. Child level detail includes demographic information and placement history by county, site or region, supervisor and worker.

#### Placement Stability (sm10a25)

This report presents summary and child-level detail for children in placement during the CY report period regarding the number of different placement settings for the most recent or current placement episode. Placement settings and calculation of the number of placement settings are consistent with those settings subject to AFCARS reporting. The report presents summary data report counts and of placement settings based on the placement episode length, i.e. under 12 months and 12 months and over. Child level detail includes demographic information and placement history by county, site or region, supervisor and worker.